

Asset Protection

1. General

"Government property shall be protected against damage or destruction arising from deliberate acts of arson, civil disorder, riot, sabotage, terrorism, vandalism, or theft in a manner consistent with its value and the impact of its loss". This direct quote from DOE provides the cornerstone of the Laboratory's asset protection program. It is recognized, however, that personnel represent a singular asset whose value and impact of loss are immeasurable.

The Laboratory's Asset Protection Plan is embodied in several interrelated policies and procedures. Orchestration and uniformity are achieved through BNL's Standards Based Management System (SBMS), a Laboratory level compilation of operational rules and regulations. Implementation is furthered through division standard operating procedures.

Brookhaven National Laboratory's existing Asset Protection Policies are consistent with the criteria set forth in DOE O 473.1, "Physical Protection Program," and all other applicable DOE orders, policies, and standards.

Protection strategies for Special Nuclear Material and Vital Equipment; Information and Personnel Security; Operation Security; Computer Security; Communications Security, and Technical Security Counter-measures appear in separate plans, SBMS documents and the Safeguards and Security Plan.

2. Access Control – See the [BNL Badges, Passes, and Vehicle Identification Subject Area](#)

3. Building/Facility Security

All unoccupied buildings and facilities should be locked/secured after normal business hours, holidays, and/or weekends. Police Officers periodically check selected buildings/facilities for securement and provide written reports when found open, which are forwarded to department chairs/division managers. Instances of security degradation, e.g., broken locks, are likewise reported and forwarded for corrective action.

Certain property, based on its value and/or impact of loss, e.g., precious metals, receives additional protection via physical security systems, which provide enhanced detection and assessment capabilities. These systems include, but are not limited to; motion detection; contact alarms; and closed circuit television.

4. Site Surveillance Program

The Brookhaven National Laboratory Site Surveillance Program works in concert with the larceny trend system. Based on data from the system, buildings/facilities are targeted for surveillance by Security Police Officers.

5. Larceny Trends/Crime Reports

Larceny reports are tracked and reviewed for possible referral to local law enforcement agencies, or internal disposition. Trends are analyzed and may result in additional patrols and/or surveillance of the buildings/facilities in question. Likewise all crimes are reported and investigated and referred to local law enforcement agencies consistent with the severity and circumstances.

6. Vehicle Inspections

Periodically, random vehicle inspections of departing vehicles are performed to detect the unauthorized removal of laboratory property and to serve as a deterrent to such activity. The inspections are primarily concerned with high theft/cost items such as computers, typewriters, tools, other electronic equipment, metals and the like. This does not, however, preclude the confiscation of any other forms of laboratory property not previously mentioned.

Vehicles and/or persons entering the site or security areas undergo inspections to prevent the introduction of prohibited articles, as defined in DOE orders and federal regulations.

7. Protective Force

Laboratory assets are further protected by a highly trained security police force. They are on duty around the clock, ensuring an effective response to acts of theft, sabotage, vandalism, terrorism, arson, etc. This protective force is also trained to respond and provide assistance during natural disasters such as fires, storms, and radiological/toxicological accidents. The protective force is an integral part of the aforementioned programs and initiatives, and in most cases they are the prime implementers in. It is the protective force that provides the most effective response and defense against potential malevolent acts to the Laboratory population.

8. Prohibited Articles

DOE M 473.1-1, "Safeguard Security and Awareness Program," prohibits the introduction of weapons, explosives, or other dangerous instruments or material into the Laboratory. Screening for prohibited articles occurs at site access control points as well as at security interest areas.

9. Firearms

Both federal and laboratory regulations prohibit the introduction and possession of firearms on site, except under certain conditions or by members of Law Enforcement agencies. In all other cases firearms must be turned over to the Brookhaven National Laboratory Police Group who are responsible for their control and storage.